for the State for restoring the traditional forest resources to the tribals.

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Population of Vanraji Tribe in Uttaranchal

†121. SHR HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the population of Vanraji Tribe in Uttaranchal;

(b) whether Government are aware of the fact that the population of this primitive tribe has been decreasing during the last few years; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the details of the steps being taken to stop this trend?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) to (c) Sir, there is no Scheduled Tribe by the name of Vanraji in Uttaranchal. However, Raji Tribe identified as one of the primitive tribe in Uttaranchal State is increasing in its population.

ST status to Labana Community in Himachal Pradesh

†122. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 603 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th February, 2003 and state:

(a) the action taken by Government in accordance with the approved modalities for including Labana Community in the list of Scheduled Tribes; and

(b) the latest status thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) and (b) The State Government of Himachal Pradesh has been

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.